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1.

the Jenaer Glaswerk Schott & Gen (VVB (Z) Optik) plant is facing at least a partial shutdown prior to December 1951 unless the supply of boron, boron derivatives, and rasorit can be assured. the management of the plant request the allocation of the following raw materials prior to 31 December 1951 in order to maintain production:

Raw Material	Monthly Requirements	Requirements Until 31 Dec 1951	Quantity on Hand	Sufficient for Production Until
Rasorit	34 *	204 *	93 *	15 Sept 1951
Boric Acid	18	108	15	25 July 1951
Zinc White	15	90	21	10 Aug 1951
Carbonate of Barium	13	78	18	10 Aug 1951
Barium Nitrate	31	186	40	10 Aug 1951
Hydrated Alumina	47	282	22	14 July 1951
Titaniumdioxide	1,25	7,5	0,8	20 July 1951

2. The principal difficulties are encountered in the procurement of rasorit and boric acid. if these two items are to be used in reduced quantity, the status would be as follows:

Raw Material	Monthly Requirements	Requirements Until 31 Dec 1951	Quantity on Hand	Sufficient for Production Until
Rasorit	25 *	150 *	93 *	31 Oct 1951
Boric Acid	14	84	15	1 Aug 1951
Zinc White *	31	170	21	31 July 1951
Carbonate of Barium *	25	143	18	20 July 1951
Barium Nitrate *	33	195	40	10 Aug 1951
Hydrated Alumina *	77	417	22	14 July 1951
Titaniumdioxide *	2,15	12	0,8	20 July 1951

* Units in tons

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3. Prior to making the request, a delegation of four members of the firm, Adam and Kuhn of the raw material procurement section, Auer, the production chief, and Albert Heinitz, visited Berlin to present their raw material requirements in person. [redacted] despite their attempts to see every one who might be in a position to help them they had been shunted from office to office without even a promise of help. They first saw Engelke of the Main Administration, Chemical Raw Materials, who advised them to see State Secretary Albert (?) Binz of the Ministry of Trade and Supply. Binz did not receive them. Thereafter, the delegation went to see Techauer, chief of the Division of Materials Distribution; Fleischer, Secretary of Minister of Machinery Construction Gerhard Ziller; Minister Ziller himself; Michaelis of the Central Control Commission; Dr. Fritze of DAHA; and Kempte of the Central Committee of the SED. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- [redacted] all the persons contacted were fully aware of the shortage of rasorit and boron in the Soviet Zone, but none of them seemed to be able to be of any help. The delegation was informed that, according to the minutes of the 15 June 1951 meeting of the "Great Planning Committee", it had been agreed that 60 per cent of the production facilities of the Jena firm would have to be shut down as of 31 August 1951 unless the required raw materials could be procured [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] The possibility of obtaining rasorit and boric acid from the Chemische Fabrik Billwärdner AG, Hamburg 48, Billbrookdeich 20, was also discussed. 50X1-HUM

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[redacted] DAHA Chemie attempted to import between 400 and 500 tons of borax [redacted] but [redacted] the Ministry had failed to provide the necessary hard currency as late as 10 July. [redacted] further attempts will be made to purchase borax [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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